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Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system"[1] and the note of the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[2] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] requests the Joint Inspection Unit to provide further clarifications of its recommendations 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9, and decides to continue its consideration of this matter at the first part of its resumed fifty-eighth session.

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[1] A/57/442.
[2] A/57/442/Add.1.
[3] See A/57/434, paras. 5 and 6.

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Outsourcing practices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/256 of 7 April 2000 and 55/232 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on outsourcing practices[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the implementation of the provisions of its resolution 55/232 and activities outsourced during the years 2002-2003, including information on the location and type of outsourced activities and more detailed reasoning therefor.

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[1] A/57/185.
[2] See A/57/7/Add.1, paras. 10 and 11.

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Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on management audit review of outsourcing in the United Nations funds and programmes

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001 and 57/284 of 20 December 2002,

Also reaffirming its resolutions 54/256 of 7 April 2000 and 55/232 of 23 December 2000 on outsourcing practices,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on management audit review of outsourcing in the United Nations and United Nations funds and programmes,[1] the report of the Secretary-General[2] and paragraphs 5 to 7 and 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Takes note* of recommendation 1;

2. *Also takes note* of recommendation 2 and the related comments of the Secretary-General;

3. *Endorses* recommendation 3 (a);

4. *Takes note* of recommendations 4 and 5, as well as of the related comments of the Secretary-General and Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

[1] A/58/92.
[2] A/58/92/Add.1.
[3] A/58/389.

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5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that contractors whose staff are present on the United Nations premises on a regular basis are held accountable for conducting individual background checks at their own costs;

6. *Endorses* recommendations 7 to 9;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to share the experience of the United Nations Procurement Division in the use of its new formats for monitoring, evaluating and certifying supplier performance under outsourced contracts with the membership of the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group and to report to the General Assembly thereon in the context of his next report on outsourcing practices.

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Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on common and joint services of United Nations system organizations at Vienna

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Common and joint services of United Nations system organizations at Vienna",[1] the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[2] and the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Welcomes* the comprehensive and timely preparation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;

2. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Common and joint services of United Nations system organizations at Vienna"[1] and the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon[2] upon the issuance of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at its fifty-ninth session.

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[1] A/58/258.
[2] A/58/258/Add.1.
[3] See A/58/389, paras. 8 and 9.

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Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

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Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the audited financial statements and the report of the Board of Auditors on the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 2002,[1] the report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of its recommendations relating to the biennium 2000-2001,[2] the second report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations and its funds and programmes for the biennium ended 31 December 2001,[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

Recognizing the difficult conditions under which the Office of the High Commissioner does its work,

1. *Accepts* the financial report and audited financial statements and the report and audit opinion of the Board of Auditors regarding the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002;[1]

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;[5]

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1 *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5E* (A/58/5/Add.5).
2 A/58/114, annex, appendix.
3 A/58/97 and Add.1.
4 A/58/384.
5 *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5E* (A/58/5/Add.5), chap. II.

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3. *Also endorses* the observations and recommendation contained in paragraphs 2 to 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

4. *Notes with concern* the shortcomings identified by the Board of Auditors in the management of financial and human resources by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, urges the High Commissioner to continue to implement the Board's recommendations, and requests the High Commissioner to report regularly to the relevant governing bodies on progress made in that regard;

5. *Notes* the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in implementing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;

6. *Notes with concern* the further depletion of the reserves of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and requests the High Commissioner to examine the causes of continued operating deficits with a view to ensuring that the Office usually operates within its income for each financial year;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the full extent of unfunded staff termination and post-service liabilities in the United Nations and its funds and programmes and to propose measures that would ensure progress towards fully funding such liabilities;

8. *Takes note* of the second report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations and its funds and programmes for the biennium ended 31 December 2001[3] and the report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of its recommendations;[2]

9. *Notes with appreciation* the recommendation to consolidate the reports of the Secretary-General on the accounts of the United Nations and its funds and programmes in a single report;[6]

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include in the consolidated report the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and to clarify the recommendations that were partially implemented and those that were not implemented;

11. *Requests* the audited organizations to take all steps necessary to implement fully and expeditiously the outstanding audit recommendations.

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[6] A/58/114, annex, appendix, para. 7.

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Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the revenue-producing activities of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations system revenue-producing activities[1] and the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[2]

1. *Agrees* with the concepts expressed in paragraph (*a*) of recommendation 1 of the Joint Inspection Unit[1] concerning consolidation of the management of revenue-producing activities on the basis of sound business practices, bearing in mind the related legislative mandates, and awaits with interest the specific proposals of the Secretary-General;

2. *Takes note* of paragraph (*b*) of recommendation 1 of the Unit and the related comments of the Secretary-General;[2]

3. *Endorses* recommendation 2;

4. *Notes* paragraph (*a*) of recommendation 3, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-eighth session on the possibility of operating guided tours, bookstores and gift shops at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the cost implications thereof;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of selling products of the gift centre and the book shop via the Internet, in addition to existing arrangements;

6. *Endorses* paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of recommendation 3, and agrees with the comments of the Secretary-General in connection with paragraph (*a*) of that recommendation;

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[1] A/57/707.
[2] A/57/707/Add.1.

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7. *Recognizes* that in its recommendation 4 the Unit outlines some general factors that should be considered in connection with the outsourcing of revenue-generating activities in the framework of approved outsourcing policies;

8. *Agrees* with the comments of the Secretary-General in connection with recommendation 5, and looks forward to further proposals of the Secretary-General concerning the United Nations Postal Administration consequent to its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002;

9. *Agrees* that the competent legislative organs, when considering strengthening the policy frameworks for revenue-generating activities in their organizations, should consider drawing on the objectives set out by the Unit in recommendation 6, bearing in mind the specificities of each organization and the comments of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination with respect to the generation of income from intellectual property;

10. *Agrees* with the comments of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination on recommendation 7;

11. *Endorses* recommendation 8, which should not affect existing practices concerning the free distribution of public information materials;

12. *Also endorses* recommendation 9, and agrees with the Chief Executives Board for Coordination that the application of this approach needs to be tailored to the specific objectives and circumstances of the organizations concerned;

13. *Takes note* of recommendations 11 to 13 and the related comments of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

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Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations[1] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon,[2]

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations[1] and of the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the related observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Approves* recommendations 1 to 6 contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit.[1]

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[1] A/57/78.
[2] A/57/78/Add.1.
[3] See A/57/434, paras. 2-4.

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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

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Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates, [1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates;[1]

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 56/246 of 24 December 2001, particularly paragraph 8;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to submit an updated report on the question of mission subsistence allowance rates to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-eighth session.

[1] A/56/648.

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Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;[1]

2. *Notes with concern* the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on problem areas in the functioning, administration and accountability mechanisms of the Investment Management Service;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services contained in the report are fully and expeditiously implemented and to submit a report thereon at its resumed fifty-eighth session.

[1] See A/58/81.

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